

In light of the FCC's plan in regard to the Universal Service Fund, I am concerned about the future of Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Dell City, Texas, and all the rural cooperatives across America.

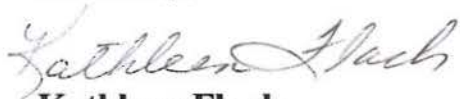
Most customers of our local cooperative are of modest income. That is putting it mildly. I recently met a social worker who had made visits to Dell City. She said she had not seen such poverty as in the Dell City area. I have seen other small agrarian communities similar to where I live - proud, but not wealthy. What will be the outcome, if the customers of Rural America's Cooperatives are expected to pay for the maintenance and expansion of rural telecommunication services?

The Universal Service Fund has been a lifeblood for our beloved cooperatives, and it is amazing to see what the cooperatives have done in turn. Rural America is keeping up with the Jones's.

I am a senior citizen, in a remote part of the United States and thanks to DellTelephone.Com the "Information Age" has not passed me by. More importantly, I keep in close contact with our children, grand-children and great-grandchildren.

Thank you for considering the continuance of the Universal Service Fund for rural cooperatives across America.

Sincerely,



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